

REMINISCENCES OF GEN. FITZ. LEE

Stories of the Gallant Cavalryman in War and in Peace.

BACKED WEYLER DOWN

Cabled No Uncertain Message to the United States Government.

By J. WILLIAM JONES.

Now that "Our Fitz" has left us, there come trooping up a thousand memories to tell of him as he was, and I feel inclined to send you from my sick room a few of these which may be of interest to your readers.

Serving during the four years of the war in the infantry, I did not have the privilege of seeing much of General Fitz Lee—I met him first at General Stuart's headquarters—but I saw him occasionally riding at the head of his troopers, sitting his horse with the easy grace which we remember so well, or upon occasion singing in his clear, ringing voice, "If You Want to Have a Good Time, Join the Cavalry."

But if I did not see him often I heard a good deal of his gallant exploits, knew his wit, good stories and kind heart, which made "Our Fitz" the idol of the army. It was told of him that upon one occasion his favorite mare, Nellie Gray, had lost a shoe and was a little lame, and he was heard to say, while affectionately patting her:

"Nellie, my lady, I wish it could be so arranged that you could ride me for a while instead of my riding you."

On the campaign of Gettysburg he surrounded a house in which a number of Federal officers were just sitting down to dinner, and entering the dining room with drawn pistol, he demanded their surrender, and quietly said as they were making for their arms:

"Now, quit your foolishness, gentlemen; this house is surrounded by my men, and it will be better for you to quietly surrender. Just pile your arms in that corner; my people will take care of them and all will be lovely."

This demand being complied with, he said:

"Well, I suppose that I have captured the dinner as well as its former owners, and I cordially invite you gentlemen to dine with me. Be seated and we will try the quality of these viands."

This invitation was very promptly accepted, and the elegant dinner was disposed of while test and story and song went the rounds.

Drank Their Toddlies.

When Stuart made his raid on Catlett's Station and captured Pope's headquarters, Fitz Lee was in the advance and came very near capturing his cousin, Colonel Marshall, who rushed out of the rear of his tent, and escaped in the darkness as Fitz entered the front.

Some years after the war General Lee was at the Ebbitt House, in Washington, and while reading in the reading room, heard a party of Federal officers telling of their war experiences. One of the very vividly experienced them, Catlett's Station, when "the rebels burst into the camp." He said among other things: "Colonel Marshall and I had just mixed our toddlers to our taste when we heard great confusion in the camp, and the rebels entered the front of our tent as we went out at the rear. And I declare I never knew whether we drank those toddlers or not."

"Our Fitz" could not resist the temptation to get off a good thing, and so he promptly came forward and said: "Excuse me, gentlemen, for interrupting your conversation, but as that gentleman seems doubtful what became of those toddlers, I can enlighten him. I will do so. I drank one of those toddlers myself, and one of my staff the other. I am General Fitz Lee, of Virginia, and led the Confederates at Catlett's Station. I entered the front of the tent as my cousin, Colonel Marshall, and the gentleman, 'Timbered to the rear,' and seeing the toddlers and knowing that they had not had time to poison them, we disposed of them very promptly. And I want now to thank this gentleman for his skill in mixing toddlers for a thirsty and weary rebel."

A hearty laugh followed, General Fitz was introduced around and the party were delighted to add to their number the genial Confederate.

I have not space to give details of General Lee's service, but can only give in brief several illustrations.

On the 17th of March, 1863, General Averill with 2,000 cavalry, splendidly mounted and equipped, crossed the Rappahannock at Beverly's ford and attacked Fitz Lee who could only put 800 troopers in the saddle. General Stuart was with Lee, having gone up on an inspecting tour, but promptly said: "This is your fight, Fitz, and I will not interfere with it."

After one of the most hotly contested cavalry battles of the war, Lee badly defeated Averill and drove him back across the river. It was in this fight that Major John Pelham, "The gallant Pelham" as General Lee called him, was killed in his report of Fredericksburg, was killed leading a cavalry charge. He had accompanied General Stuart on his tour, asked permission to "go in," and fell lamented by the whole army for "the boy avenger."

Rendered Important Service.

Fitz Lee protected Jackson's movement to Hooker's rear flank at Chancellorsville and rendered most important service. He made a reconnaissance in which he found a point from which full view could be had of Hooker's rear flank and rode rapidly back to inform General Jackson of the discovery and ask him to ride with him to the spot. What followed Lee tells so well in his great

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Ridge Mohair, 46 inches, 1.00	50c Mercerized Batiste, 39c
75c Imported Mercerized, in cream and white, guaranteed to wash, 27 inch madras, 20c	White Silk Mulla, yard, 17c 25c, 30c and 50c
	White Linen Lawn, yard 25c to 1.00

speech on Chancellorsville that I quote as follows: "I only knew Jackson slightly. I watched him closely as he gazed upon Howard's troops. It was then about 2 P. M. His eyes burned with a brilliant glow lighting up a sad face. His expression was one of intense interest; his face was colored slightly with the paint of approaching battle, and radiant at the success of his flank movement. Was he happy at the prospect of the 'delightful excitement' terms Dick Taylor says he used to express his pleasure at being under fire. To the remarks made to him while the unconscious line of blue was pointed out he did not reply once during the five minutes he was on the hill, and yet his lips were moving. From what I have

headquarters, and his subsequent career only added to his reputation.

Brilliant Work.

In the campaign of '64 his services were brilliant, but I can only briefly give three illustrations. At Spotsylvania Courthouse Fitz Lee, with his cavalry, made a most heroic stand and kept back the advance of Grant's army until Anderson's division could come up, and that important strategic position be secured to the Confederates.

At Trevillian's, in Louisa county, Hampton and Fitz Lee, with half of the force which Sheridan had, defeated him so badly that he was forced to retreat, hurrying to Grant's lines, leaving many prisoners, his dead and wounded, and

An Excellent Governor.

I suppose there can be but little doubt

drawing corn for many years from the quartermaster and now I am finding it hard to draw it from the earth, but I am doing it."

Went to the Farm.

"Rooney" and Robert Lee working in the field at the White House and Fitz Lee at Richmond were good illustrations of the conduct of our Confederate soldiers after the war who "did with their might whatsoever their hands found to do," until their brawn and brain, more than any other, made them so successful. Lee's devoted Southland once more to "bloom and blossom as the rose."

It was my privilege from soon after the war up to the time of his lamented death to see a great deal of General Fitz Lee, to visit him in his home, meet him in reunions, have frequent interviews with him and to conduct with him a very extensive correspondence on historical and other matters. I knew him intimately and my respect, admiration and love for him grew as the years have gone by.

There are scores of interesting incidents and anecdotes of him which I might give, but this paper is already too long and must confine myself to several of the many.

I remember very vividly his eulogy on Stuart at a banquet of the Virginia Division of the Army of Northern Virginia Association, in which he sounded the keynote of the movement which has resulted in the Stuart monument and I recall many of the speeches he made on various occasions.

I heard the last speech he made in the campaign which resulted in his triumphant election as Governor of the State. It was from a platform erected on the vacant lot where the City Hall now stands and to an immense crowd who cheered him to the echo all through his speech.

Among other good bits he said: "But you are told, fellow-citizens, that I am the nephew of my uncle and ride on his saddle! Well, I do not think that I ought to be blamed for my activity. It is true that I had of course no control over—not even a wish in the matter, and surely I ought not to be censured for being the son of my father, or the nephew of my uncle." After making other humorous comments he straightened himself up and said: "But, fellow-citizens, has the time come in old Virginia when a man must humbly apologize or be looked upon as a criminal or a coward?"

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WRIGHT WILL GET PRISONER SMITH

News Reaches Manchester That They Will Return Thursday.

WOMAN COMES FOR CHILD

Carroll Smith Will be Taken to Friends in Columbia.

Mr. William Haines, Jr., reached Manchester last night at 9 o'clock from New York where he accompanied Sergeant A. S. Wright in order to identify Shepherd Knapp Smith, charged with the murder of his son, Ralph Smith, in Manchester. Smith had been captured in New York by detectives and was held there for extradition papers.

Mr. Haines stated last night to a Times-Dispatch man that he had no trouble about identifying Smith, although the prisoner refused to talk or discuss the case, and would not acknowledge that he was Shepherd Knapp Smith.

After the identification on Sunday, Sergeant Wright went on to Albany to have the necessary papers signed by the Governor of New York. Mr. Haines remained in New York city. On Monday he received a message from Sergeant Wright telling him to return to Manchester, and adding that he would not return with the prisoner until Thursday on account of formalities in presenting the requisition. Mr. Haines stated that Smith looked well and seemed calm and not in the least disturbed. Sergeant Wright will probably reach Manchester with his prisoner on time for the preliminary trial that takes place on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Yesterday a young woman called at the jail and had a long talk with Mrs. Smith. It was learned that she is from Columbia, Va., and that she came to take Mrs. Smith's two-year-old child, Carroll Smith, back with her to Columbia. The young woman spent last night with Mrs. Laum, with whom the boy has been living since his mother's arrest. She and Carroll will take the early morning train for Columbia on the James River division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

While public interest and intense feeling has in no way abated in Manchester, the plucky manner in which Mrs. Smith has borne her trouble without having in any way, by word or act, incriminated her husband, has appealed to the citizens. There was a general feeling of relief when it was learned that Smith had been identified and would be brought back to bear his part of the charge.

NAN PATTERSON'S CASE IS CLOSED

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had me, it would have been a physical impossibility for him to have inflicted upon himself such a wound as caused his death. He called the attention of the jury to the preparations made by Young for his European trip, and told them that alone proved beyond question that the bookmaker had no intention of taking his life. He pointed out the defense that if it were Young who opposed breaking the relations between him and Miss Patterson, he claimed was proven untenable by the evidence which, he said, showed that Young had kept away from her during the whole month just preceding his death.

After describing the meeting between

(By Associated Press.)

SAIGON, COCHIN CHINA, May 2.—Rear Admiral De Joussier, the French naval commander here, sailed from Saigon to-day on the second-class cruiser Guichen. His destination was not announced, but it is presumed his departure is in connection with the preservation of French neutrality.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKYO, May 2.—The tabulations of the subscriptions to the fifth loan of 450,000 have not yet been completed, but there are indications that the entire loan has been placed at a premium.

KISSED HIS SOLDIERS.

Linevitch Saluted Each During Easter Celebration—Touching Incident.

(By Associated Press.)

GUNSHU PASS, MANCHURIA, May 2. A touching incident occurred during the Easter celebration here. After the morning service, all the troops in the region around headquarters were drawn up in line before General Linevitch's tent, and the commander-in-chief came out, greeted the troops, and passed down the line, saluting each and every soldier with a kiss. All the men were much moved, and many of them went. The incident served to increase their boundless worship of the old, gray leader. General Linevitch continues energetically the reorganization of the various departments of the army.

Staff Captain Shubersky, who has returned here after making a reconnaissance on the Mongolian frontier, reports that thousands of Chinese bandits under Japanese leaders, are moving beyond the border.

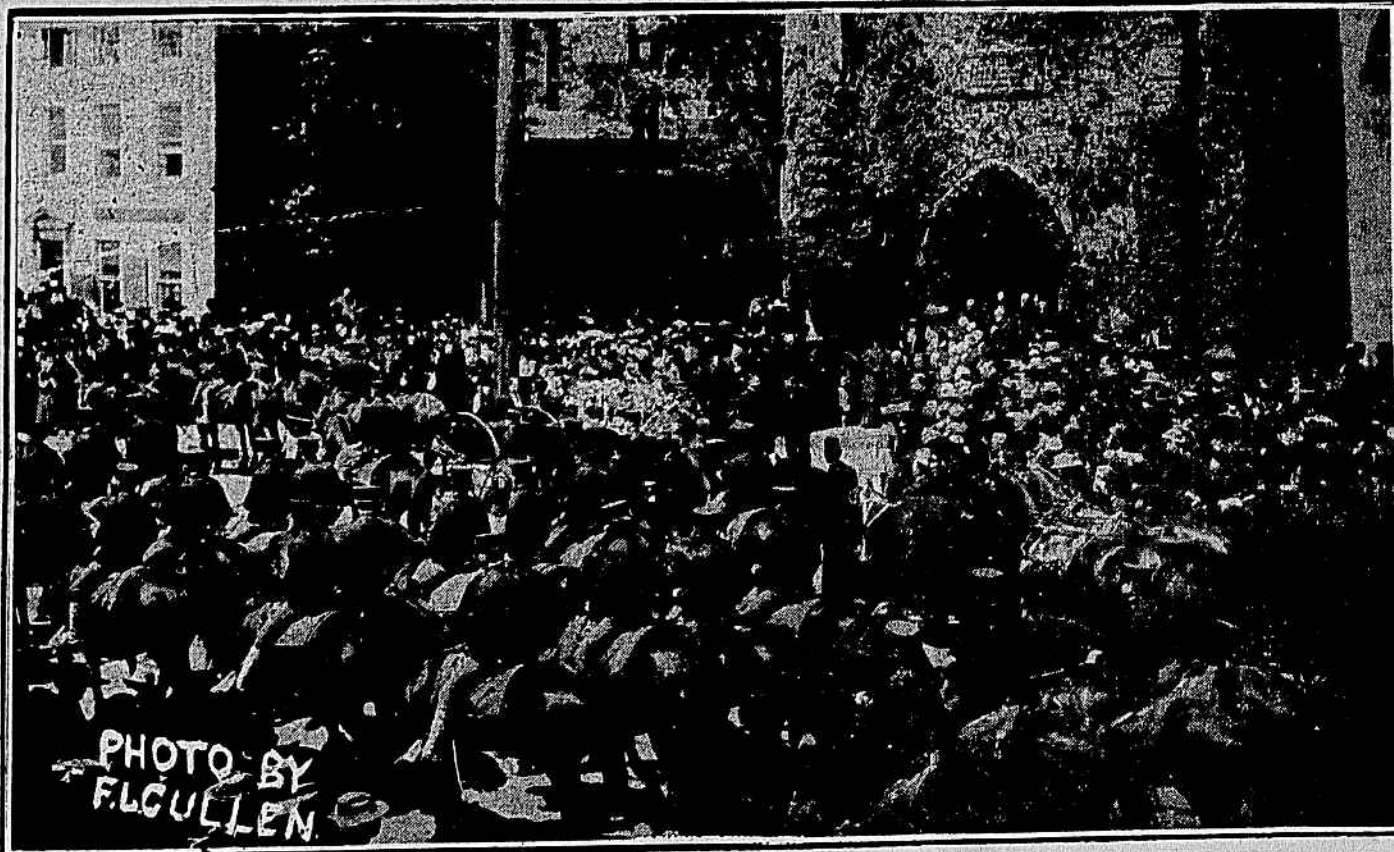
Gallantry and Health.

Hagerman, a little town in Sweden, has a reputation for the recovery of invalids. It is a town of thoughtful men on the part of its workmen. Having learned from medical studies that the climate of the town, its footbaths and its air, were much more prevalent among men than among women, the town has been doing their best to make the town a health resort.

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Fitz Lee "accepted the situation," took off his coat and went to work on his arm at Richmond, in Stafford county. He pleasantly wrote to a friend: "I had been



CORTEGE OF GENERAL FITZLUKE LEE IN FRONT OF EPIPHANY CHURCH. The Procession in Washington Was Imposing to a Marked Degree, Cavalry and Infantry of the Regular Army as Well as Veterans Sw